

## ARMISTICE REPORT DENIES

Sibeck Testifies  
\$2,500 Is Given  
by Judges LobbyGas Tax Slush Fund  
Drew Contribution  
From Ass'n. Head

## Bulletins

## Gift Came From Ragsdale, Union County Judge, Says Sibeck

PRESIDENT IS SILENT  
Ragsdale Refuses to Talk  
When Interviewed at  
El Dorado

County judges over the state contributed money to a \$17,300 slush fund with which to get the 6-cent gasoline tax passed by the legislature last year. Former Judge William F. Sibeck of Pulaski county revealed Thursday in criminal court proceedings at Little Rock.

The Pulaski official, on trial for subornation of perjury, and who was removed from office several months ago, testified that J. G. Ragsdale, of El Dorado, Union county judge and president of the County Judges association, contributed \$2,500.

Whether similar contributions were received from individual judges, or the \$2,500 given in Judge Ragsdale's name merely represented a "jack-pot" gotten up from the members of the association over which he presided, was not disclosed.

Judge Ragsdale, interviewed by the Gazette and the El Dorado news Thursday night, refused to comment on Sibeck's testimony.

**Mississippi**—In Hope, County Judge L. F. Higgason told Hope Star December 22 that he attended a meeting of the County Judges association in Little Rock one year ago when the 6-cent gas tax lobby was being set up. Judge Higgason told The Star that he attended only one meeting, and voted against the judges' proposal to ask the legislature to increase the tax from 5 to 6 cents a gallon.

But when asked if it weren't true that the sole purpose of the lobby meeting was to increase the gasoline tax, Judge Higgason refused to comment.

As a result of the efforts of the county judges, the legislature increased the tax, turning the extra cent back to the counties. Hempstead's annual share being approximately \$17,000, out of which Judge Higgason paid half his 1931 salary of \$3,000. Prior to the extra-cent gas tax, the salary had been \$2,400, having been raised from \$1,800 several years before that.

Although the county judges' lobby was attacked and exposed by The Star and other newspapers, it was the Arkansas Gazette that uncovered the actual cash payments behind the state-wide organization that put over the 6-cent gas tax. The Gazette's evidence figured prominently in Prosecutor Bailey's case against Judge Sibeck, now on trial at Little Rock.

Part of the Gazette's story of Friday morning reads as follows:

## Sought Increased Tax

The first task of this lobby was to bring about the passage of Act 63 of 1931, which levied the additional tax of one cent per gallon on gasoline for the benefit of counties and road improvement districts formed since the Martinique highway law became effective in February, 1927.

To promote this legislation, Sibeck imported Bohlinger from Yell county, the ex-judge said. He credited Bohlinger with drafting three bills, the last of which is Act 63 of 1931.

"He was here about 70 days and worked in the legislature," was Sibeck's explanation of the allotment to Bohlinger out of the lobby fund.

Only the cold cash was handled by Sibeck and his fellow lobbyists, he said. In soliciting successfully \$4,000 from Grocer Weber, Sibeck merely telephoned Weber to have the money, and, the ex-judge said, "I think I went out there and got it."

"I called upon Weber and 555 for money because I knew they had been getting the biggest volume of business from the county," Sibeck said, but he denied that there was an understanding that either firm would pad its claims sufficiently to take out of the county treasury a sum equal to or greater than the donation.

## Weber Favored

"I told Henry Hilliard (purchasing agent Sibeck) to give the biggest business to Weber because he had made a contribution for legislative purposes," Sibeck admitted.

It was shown that while Sibeck was in office, Grocer Weber, with a retail establishment at 824 Chester street, collected county warrants for approxi-

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Sibeck Jury Get  
Added Instructions

Judge McGehee Warns  
Body They Must Decide This Case

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—In disagreement on a verdict in circuit court the jury in the trial of former County Judge William F. Sibeck, on a charge of subornation of perjury, were given additional instruction at noon Friday.

This case must be decided by this jury, Judge McGehee said.

Pilot, Passengers  
Killed in Wreck

Three Die in Crash in  
Florida as Ship Goes  
Into Spin

MONTICELLO, Fla.—(AP)—A barn-storming pilot and his two passengers were killed here late Thursday when a plane went into a spin and lost a wing.

The dead:

Fred Weisheft, 28, pilot, of Hartford, Conn.

Harvey Watson, 24, Monticello.

Bill William Sergeant, 32, Monticello, formerly of Ohio.

The Monticello men had hired the plane for a sightseeing trip.

Witnesses said the ship appeared to develop motor trouble, went into a spin, and lost a wing. It crashed in a tree and the men were dead when extricated from the wreckage.

Hempstead County  
Gins 29,164 Bales

Only 13,375 Bales Reported  
for Same Period  
Last Season

A report received by W. M. Brummett, from the department of commerce, shows a total ginning of 29,164 bales of cotton in Hempstead county from the 1931 crop report prior to January 16, 1932 as compared to a total of 13,375 for the same period last season.

## FLAPPER FANNY SAYS:

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**W. M. Lehner of New Mureck Springs Jumps Off and Is Run Over**

**HEMPSTEAD COUNTY**

**For Sheriff**

**SIMON M. BUTTOM**  
Draught Horse

**CITY OF HOPE**  
(Democratic Primary Feb. 23)

**For City Clerk**  
FRED WEBB

**For City Attorney**  
PAT CASEY

**For Alderman**  
Ward One  
L. C. (LLEX) HELMS  
BENNIE BENTON  
ROY ANDERSON

**Ward Two**  
ROY STEPHENSON  
L. A. KEITH

**Ward Four**  
CLYDE A. MONTGOMERY  
IRA HALLIBURTON  
A. M. M'KAMEY

**Clark County Grand Jury Concludes Work**

**ARKADELPHIA**—The Clark county grand jury completed its investigation Thursday and was dismissed. Upon the report the January term of Clark county circuit court recessed until Monday, having completed the civil docket this week. The criminal docket comes up Monday.

A jury trial resulted in a verdict for plaintiffs, Jim Long and Lena Long of Gurdon, who sued the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen for insurance on the life of their son, Romie Long, Missouri Pacific brakeman.

The criminal docket will contain but one case involving murder, that of a negro poisoning case.

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**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**

Joe Greene spent yesterday at home. E. L. Smith, of Ozan, was here yesterday. Dr. W. I. Stokes, of Spring Hill, was here Saturday. W. V. Thompson was down from Prescott yesterday.

**TEN YEARS AGO**

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bringman, of Dallas, Texas, arrived in the city yesterday and will make their home in Dallas in the future. Miss Edith Lindsey and Mr. Wilbur E. Sherrod, both of this city, were quietly married yesterday afternoon, at the parsonage of the First Methodist church, Dr. Alonzo Monk performing the ceremony.

Howard Sheppard has accepted a position with the Hope Auto Co. Col. John R. Fordyce, state highway commissioner, was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Barlow Hotel.

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**Philipine Independence**

**PEARLANCE** before the House Insular Affairs Committee of the Philippine Independence Mission, whose members pleaded our freedom through a gradual withdrawal of sovereignty in the islands, puts before Congress once more the troublesome and important question of the nation's stand toward those island possessions.

In considering this question, one should never forget, as another point, that the nation stands solemnly pledged to the Filipinos their freedom. The government at Washington promised it to them, and the promise has awaited realization for a long, long time. According to all the rules of equity and decency, the question before us is not, "Shall we be free?" but "How can we set them free in a way that is best for all people concerned?"

**Philip said, "But I didn't have time for her. Ann, where were you? I was trying to tell you. My car's first time."**

**Ann opened her eyes. Tears were dripping out of them, down her cheeks and off her chin and splashing to the front of her blouse. "Oh," she said. "Why, I'm surprised, because I've been trying to make you understand the reason for the name of the place. I believe her name is Mary-Frances, and she's a very good girl. I'm sorry I didn't tell you about her."**

**Ann and Phil gazed at each other. MARY-FRANCES' eyes were very, very soft, and she was smiling. "I'm sorry I forgot you were here. I forgot all about it. I have to tell my parents and wait on the porch for the taxi cab."**

**"BUT, Ann," Phil questioned, "you mean that I may not even sit here on the porch with you until the taxi cab comes?"**

**"No, dear, I guess not. I don't care where you sit. I have to be alone with Mary-Frances. When she gets here—that's all. I wish there were some way I could get word to Gladys. Poor Gladys. Oh, my word! I forgot to telephone to Mrs. Hill."**

**When Ann returned to the porch Phil said, "Dearest, if you could listen, just a moment."**

**"They are so good," Ann said. "I don't know how we can ever thank them—the Hills, I mean—for what they've done. It had been a terrible night. Mrs. Hill couldn't have been a bit happier. She was so sweet—crying and all. And she is sure that everything is all right, or Mary-Frances wouldn't have come home. Surely the child couldn't have talked in that matter-of-fact way about being hungry, and so on, if she'd had a very unpleasant experience. Dear, do you think she could have?"**

**"Surely not. Surely not. I've told you over and over. Ann, you still call me 'dear.' You let me put my arms around you. You can't have stopped loving me entirely, Ann. You must still love me a little."**

**"Yes, I suppose so. I must. I always have. But I don't wish to be bothered about love right now."**

**"Would it bother you, beautiful, if I told you how I felt when I came in this evening, tired and miserable, and lonely, and the clerk at the desk handed me that slip of paper with your telephone number on it?"**

**"That's all right, dear. Poor Mr. Hill and that sweet old Uncle Chaney—out hunting for her. I wish I could get word to them. Mr. Hill couldn't have done more if it had been Mrs. Hill." Mary-Frances was just cross and funny—not nervous nor anything. I can't think what on earth is keeping that taxi. There seemed to be nothing the matter with Mary-Frances except that she was hungry—and didn't have carfare. How odd that she didn't have a cent of money. It is a good thing, after all, that we didn't go straight to the police. Another thing we have to thank the Hills for. Phil, is that it's 'Yes'—there**

**Tariff Equalization Is Sought in Measure**

**WASHINGTON**—(AP)—Legislation designed to equalize tariff duties by making compensations for depreciation of foreign currencies was introduced Thursday by Representative Hawley of Oregon, ranking republican on the house ways and means committee.

**Negro Slayer Plans to Appeal Death Sentence**

**TOWSON**, Md.—(AP)—Euel Lee, negro, Thursday was sentenced to be hanged for the murder last October 11 of Green K. Davis, Worcester county farmer.

Sentence was passed by Judge T. Scott Cuff, chief judge of the Baltimore county circuit court, a few minutes after he and his two associates had overruled a defense motion for a new trial.

Bernard Ades, attorney for the International Labor Defense League and counsel for the negro, said the case would be appealed to the state's highest court.

Lee was convicted only for the murder of Davis for whom he had

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SONG FOR TODAY

It's best to keep on going whether  
or how low or high.  
It's best to keep on watching though  
the "Ain't our dreams deny,  
For the "what's the use of trying," and  
the "We're discouraged men."  
Will be miles away from business  
when the good times come again.  
Oh, it's best to keep on stirring tho  
the clouds are hanging low.  
And it's best to brave the tempest  
when the winds begin to blow.  
For the "What's the use of working,"  
and the "We're just waiting men."  
Will find others in their places when  
the good times come again.  
So, it's spite of wind and weather and  
the hardships of the day.  
We'd better keep on battling till the  
storms shall pass away.  
For the "sit and wait for orders" and  
the "We should worry" men.  
Will be six months late discovering  
that good times are here again.  
—E. A. G.

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Chandler left Friday for a week end visit with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cotton and other relatives in Little Rock.

Mrs. James R. Henry, Jr., and children returned on Saturday from a

week's visit with Mrs. Henry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ligon in Conway.

Mrs. J. M. Simpson of Coffeyville, Kan., who has been the guest of the family of her son, Frank N. Shumard, has gone to Shreveport for a visit to friends.

Miss Anna North has spent the past few days in Texarkana attending district meeting of the Southern Ice and Utilities company.

The Hop Library Association held their annual meeting on Thursday afternoon in the library room at the old mill, with the president, Mrs. J. A. Henry presiding. During the business period, a number of things pertinent to the growth and success of the library were discussed, among them was the lending of books to non-members, and fines on overdue books and ways and means of financing the library. The following rules were adopted: a fine of twenty-five cents would be levied against any member found lending books to anybody outside of the member's family, and the names of members owing overdue fines would be posted in the library room for three weeks, after which, they would be published.

Mrs. S. G. Norton and Mrs. A. C. Whithurst visited in Texarkana on Saturday.

Circle No. 5, the Young Women's Circle of the Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church will entertain at "A Womankind Tea" on Tuesday evening, February 2nd at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey McRae on East Third street. Measra, Nich, Jewell and Carter Johnson starred in Worth's latest spring models will preside over the coffee an tea urns.

Mrs. A. C. Whithurst and Dorsey McRae and Billy Duckett left Friday morning for a short visit with Miss Lorraine Whithurst in Hazen, Ark.

The members of Just a Mere Bridge club were guests of Miss Martha Martindale on Thursday evening at her home on West Fulton street. Mrs. W. W. Compton and Miss Selma Lee Bartlett were special guests. In the score count, Miss Elsie Reed received the served. Following the game, the hostess served a delicious salad plate.

The members of the First Baptist church will hold open house Friday evening as special compliment to Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Bowen, who will leave on Monday for their new home in San Marcos, Tex. The public is cordially invited.

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• "I made the contract with 555 myself in anticipation of a farm-to-market road program," Sibek testified with reference to the payment by the county of claims of that concern for about \$20,000 worth of tires, tubes, parts, etc., that were not delivered. A refund has been made to the county by 555 since Sibek relinquished his official position.

"The interest of Kern-Limerick was in all the counties," Sibek said in explanation of the testimony of R. C. Limerick that Sibek solicited the \$2,500 for the County Judges Association

• "I turned the money over to Dr. Marshall as a stockholder to hold until the governor vetoed the bill." "The bill was voted and the money was paid Mr. Davis," Sibek declared.

• "I didn't have time to call him meeting," Mr. Bailey, Sibek reported, when the prosecutor inquired: "If that was a justifiable thing to do why didn't you make out a claim for services rendered and pay out of the treasury those whom you say were working in the interests of the county?"

The payment of \$10,000 to Dr. Marshall, close adviser of Sibek, for Lawyer Davis was on what Sibek termed a "contingent basis," but what contingencies it covered were not quite clear.

"Who made the suggestion that you raise money to fight the McCabe bill?" asked the prosecuting attorney.

"Mr. Matthews (Justin Matthews, member of the state Highway Commission) came and told me that the McCabe bill had just passed the House and it would not be permitted to reach the committee in the Senate," the defendant replied. "They railroaded that bill right on through, and Mr. Matthews said that we must kill it; that it would knock this county out of about \$135,000."

"There was some discussion at a meeting later as who was the best man to get it killed, and Wallace Davis was decided on."

"Who suggested Wallace?"

"Wallace Davis Selected."

"I think Mr. Matthews. As soon as Wallace Davis' name was mentioned, I realized the political position that he was in and it was entirely satisfactorily. I thought that if anybody in the world could secure the veto, he could."

"You hired him, then, because of his political position?"

"That's right. If he didn't get the veto, he was to give the \$10,000 back and it was to be returned to those who contributed it."

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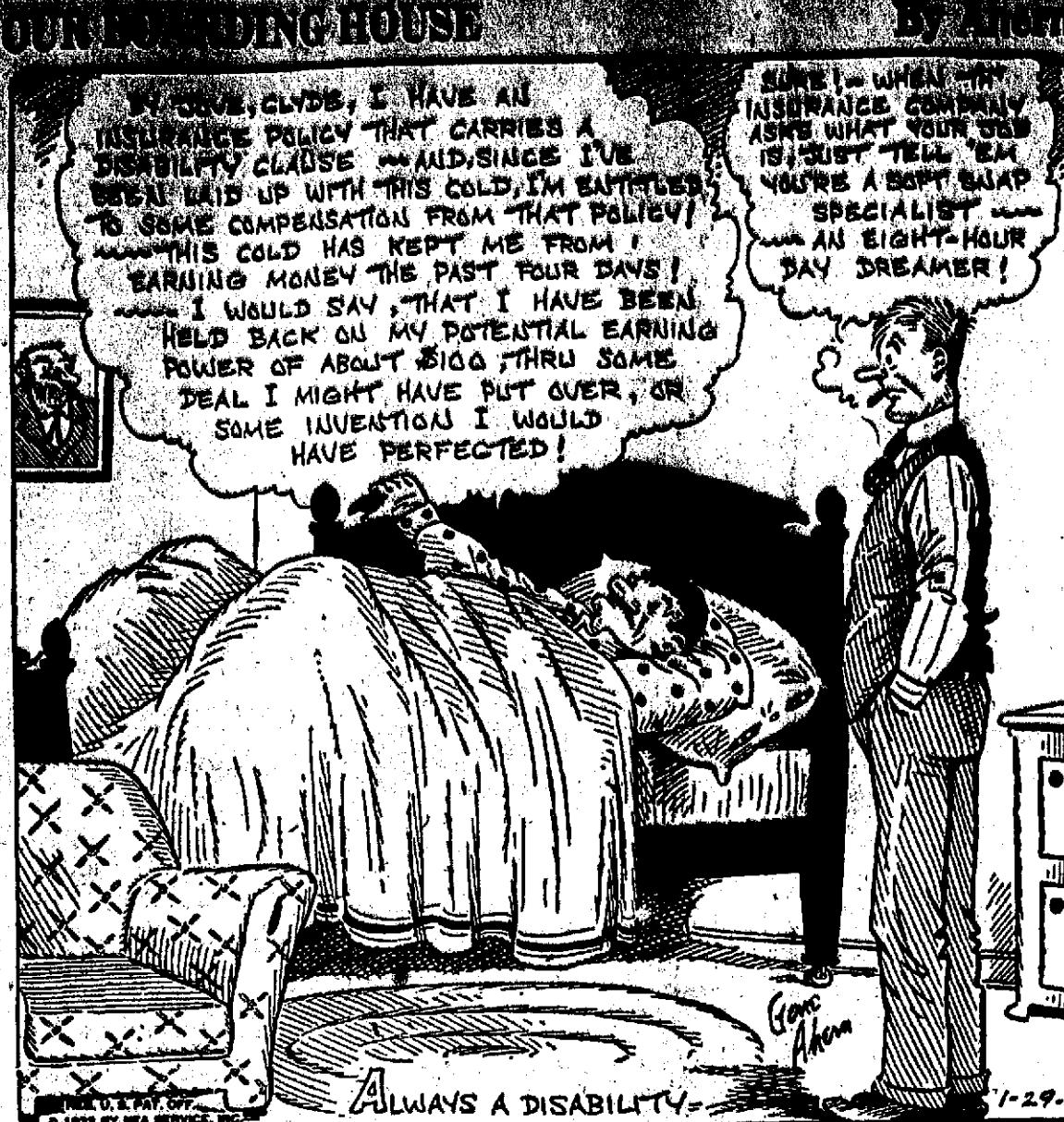
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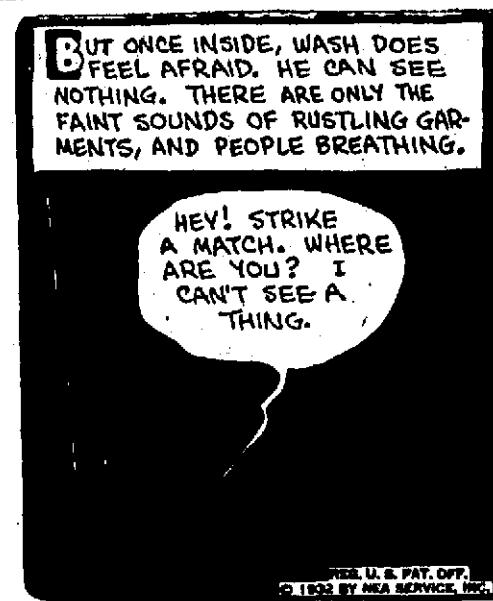
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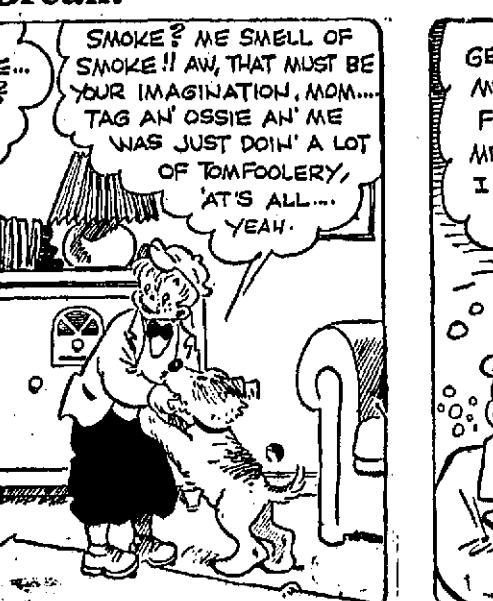


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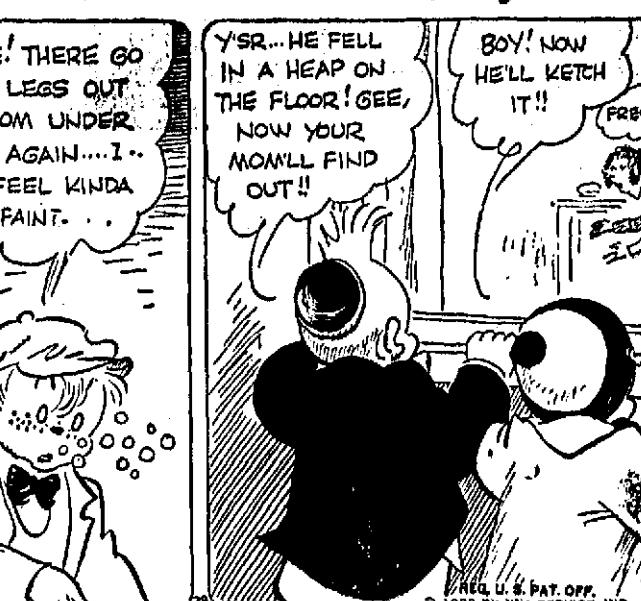


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